

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 have been rejected as being anticipated by Berger. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 specifies that one of the wiper arms (18) is directly coupled with a driven shaft (16) of an electromotive drive (10). This construction is not suggested by Berger.

Berger teaches (see col. 7, lines 39-41) that both wiper arms 8 are connected to a linkage 7 that is connected to a gear 6 that is driven by a motor 5. The motor 5 and the gear 6 would be considered to be the electromotive drive, but neither wiper arm 8 is directly coupled with a driven shaft of the electromotive drive. Instead, both wiper arms are connected to the electromotive drive via the linkage 7. Furthermore, there is no suggestion in Berger or any of the other cited references to modify the Berger construction to connect one of the wiper arms 8 directly to the gear 6, or to a driven shaft of the gear 6.

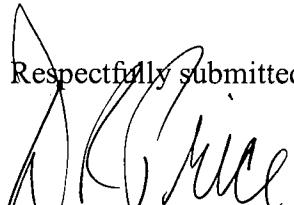
Therefore, claim 1 and dependent claims 2-19 are allowable.

Claim 2 has been amended to more clearly define one embodiment of the invention, in which the electromotive drive includes a uniformly transmitting gear (14) coupled to a driving motor (12), and wherein the uniformly transmitting gear (14) includes the driven shaft (16).

Again, there is no suggestion in the cited prior art to modify the Berger construction to connect one of the wiper arms 8 directly to a driven shaft of the gear 6.

Therefore, claim 2 and dependent claims 11-19 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the above amendment and allowance of claims 1-19 are respectfully requested.

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